The Christmas Novena

This Christmas Novena is also sometimes called the "St. Andrew Christmas Novena" because it begins on November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew. As the first disciple called by Jesus, it is appropriate that St. Andrew's Feast day is at the beginning of the new liturgical year. While the origins of this prayer are unknown, it is at least over 100 years old and may have come from Ireland. It is also not a traditional novena, since it is prayed for 25 days throughout Advent, instead of normal 9 days.

This prayer is directed to God the Father, asking Him to grant our request in honor and memory of the birth of His Son Jesus. It is a wonderful way to stay focused during Advent on the ultimate celebration of the birth of Jesus. Many believe that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer **FIFTEEN** times each day will obtain the favor requested.

You can say the prayer 15 times all at once; or divide up the recitation as necessary (perhaps five times at each meal). To help keep track of these daily recitations, below the prayer are boxes that can be checked off for every prayer said.

Christmas Novena Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.

In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.

Amen.

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